

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CONGRATULATING CINCINNATI LEGEND, JOE NUXHALL

HON. JOHN A. BOEHNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 6, 2003

Mr. BOEHNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate and thank a great resident of the Buckeye State, Joe Nuxhall.

To fans of the Cincinnati Reds baseball franchise, Joe Nuxhall is—quite simply—an icon. To his family, he is a terrific husband, father, and grandfather. And to his neighbors in the Cincinnati area, Joe is a true community leader.

Born, raised, and still residing in southwest Ohio, Joe is nothing short of a Cincinnati sports legend. As a lifelong Reds fan myself, I place Joe's name among those of other all-time Cincinnati baseball greats like Pete Rose, Johnny Bench, Tony Perez, and Frank Robinson. From the moment Joe stepped onto the pitcher's mound at the history-making age of 15 to his current work beside Marty Brennaman in the Reds' radio booth, "The Old Left Hand" is as synonymous with Reds baseball as anyone in the organization's long and storied history. And this summer at the Reds' new Great American Ballpark, the team erected an impressive statue of Joe to prove it.

Next week, the community foundation in Joe's hometown of Fairfield, Ohio will honor him at a reception being billed as "All-American Evening Honoring an All-American." Certainly, those attending the event will celebrate with Joe his unique accomplishments on the baseball diamond. But just as importantly, donations will be collected at the event to benefit the Joe Nuxhall Character Education Fund, an organization that highlights Joe's role as a leader off the baseball diamond as well.

Mr. Speaker, for more than five decades, Joe has served and represented Cincinnati as well as anyone in the community possibly can. The only fitting way to end my remarks is to applaud his continued service to the Reds and to Cincinnati—and to borrow his trademark phrase of "rounding third and heading for home."

I congratulate Joe and wish him and his family a wonderful evening next Tuesday in Fairfield.

TRIBUTE TO VIKING POOLS OF JANE LEW, WEST VIRGINIA

HON. SHELLEY MOORE CAPITO

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. CAPITO. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Viking Pools of Jane Lew, awarded a 2003 Export Achievement Certificate in recognition of an increased focus on exporting.

The Export Achievement Certificate was created to recognize small and medium-sized

enterprises that have successfully entered the international marketplace for the first time or that have successfully entered a new market.

As our economy continues to become more global, it is important for industries of all types to develop relationships and ties in the international community. As the West Virginia economy diversifies, Viking Pools has taken major steps forward to promote the Mountain State and all it has to offer to the world economy.

By making strides to expand opportunities, Viking Pools has in turn brought benefits to the State that will be felt far beyond the business itself. I applaud Viking Pools for its efforts and look forward to seeing continued success.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognition of Viking Pools, and I offer them as an example to small and medium sized enterprises everywhere.

TRIBUTE TO FLORENCE FOXWORTH

HON. JAMES E. CLYBURN

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 6, 2003

Mr. CLYBURN. Mr. Speaker, today I rise to pay tribute to Florence G. Foxworth of Marion, South Carolina, for her contributions to our State as a public school teacher for more than five decades, her numerous civic and community activities and her particular dedication to fulfilling special education needs of challenged public school students.

Ms. Foxworth has been teaching in public schools since 1951 and has earned the Teacher of the Year Award at Mullins High School. Earlier this year she was named Marion County NAACP's Woman of the Year, and was named second runner up for the South Carolina NAACP's Woman of the Year Award. She is also a Golden Apple Award recipient for her work with special needs children.

In addition to inspiring thousands of students of all races, backgrounds, and beliefs to exceed and enhance the quality of life for all in our society, Ms. Foxworth also recognizes that children with special needs not only accords us some of our greatest educational challenges, but also some of our most rewarding experiences. As a former public school teacher, I appreciate her perseverance in insuring that every student leaves the classroom at the end of the day with a positive self-image, a commitment to always putting forth the best effort possible and a broader level of intelligence.

Ms. Foxworth's commitment to serving others extends well beyond the classroom. She volunteers with the ALS Association, serves on the Board of Disabilities and Special Needs, and reads for nursing home patients. Her political contributions include volunteering as a voter registration volunteer for Marion County and as a member of the South Caro-

lina Democratic Women's Council, National Council of Negro Women and the Palmetto Black Caucus. She also generously volunteered for my 1992 campaign for the seat I now hold in this august body, U.S. House of Representatives, and I am grateful to her for the time and effort she expended.

Ms. Foxworth earned a degree in Elementary Education from Benedict College in Columbia, South Carolina, and subsequently earned a Master's degree in Special Education from North Central University in Durham, North Carolina. She is a member of the NAACP and is actively involved in her church's activities.

Mr. Speaker, I ask you and my colleagues to join me today in honoring Ms. Florence G. Foxworth for her many years of service to South Carolina. She is an invaluable asset to Mullins High School and one of the finest mentors our State has to offer. I am proud of her many achievements and look forward to her many future ventures. I wish her good luck and Godspeed.

RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF BROADCASTERS

HON. JOHN SHIMKUS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, November 6, 2003

Mr. SHIMKUS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to commend an initiative recently launched by the National Association of Broadcasters and its local radio and television station members.

With over 140,000 military personnel stationed in Afghanistan, Iraq and around the world, the resources to take care of our troops and their families is strained. As a former soldier, I have seen firsthand how difficult it can be for military families coping financially—and emotionally—with extended deployment.

Of course, the military is dedicated to taking care of its own. But, as the war on terror continues and needs escalate, the military cannot do it alone.

To respond to this growing need, the four Military Aid Societies representing the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force have joined together to create a single umbrella organization: the Armed Forces Relief Trust.

In support of this new relief organization, local commercial radio and television stations are airing radio and television Public Service Announcements, asking viewers and listeners to contribute to the Trust.

The over-the-air broadcast medium continues to be the most effective way to rapidly disseminate information to the public. Last year, the four military emergency assistance programs disbursed more than \$109 million in interest-free loans and grants to more than 145,000 individuals and families in need.

With the help of America's local radio and television stations, I am convinced that the Trust will be able to assist even more military families.

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